

## Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill 2024

### Debate and voting arrangements

- Object of the Bill:** To amend the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) (“the Ordinance”) and its subsidiary legislation to:
- (a) amend the air quality objectives and empower the Secretary for Environment and Ecology (“SEE”) to amend those objectives by notice published in the Gazette;
  - (b) provide for the issue of closure notices in respect of a contravention of section 13 of the Ordinance (i.e. conduct of unlicensed specified processes);
  - (c) revise the scope of “cement works” and the definition of “premises”;
  - (d) provide for the defence of emergency for certain offences under the Ordinance;
  - (e) extend the period for making applications to renew licences for the conduct of specified processes; and
  - (f) provide for consequential and related amendments.

<b>Joint debate : Clauses with no amendments, and clauses with amendments proposed by SEE</b>	<b>— Clauses 1 to 25</b>
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Joint debate on the original clauses and the amendments.

#### **SEE’s amendments**

#### **Prohibition on removing or defacing closure notices**

##### **Clause 4**

- To amend the heading of the proposed new section 30K, and the proposed new section 30K(1) of the Ordinance to **provide for prohibition on “interfering with” closure notices**.

#### **Textual amendments**

##### **Clauses 4, 6 and 22**

- To **make textual amendments** to the Chinese text of the proposed new sections 30N(2)(c) and 30N(3) and the English text of the proposed new section 33(6A)(b) of the Ordinance, and the Chinese text of the forms in the Schedule to the Air Pollution Control (Appeal Board) Regulations (Cap. 311D).

<b>Voting order</b>	: 1. Clauses with no amendments (i.e. clauses 1 to 3, 5, 7 to 21, and 23 to 25) standing part of the Bill 2. SEE’s amendments (to amend clauses 4, 6 and 22) 3. Clauses 4, 6 and 22 with or without amendments standing part of the Bill
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**SEE's amendments**

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